

The Wholesale Funeral

THEY'RE burying the butchered dead, whose blood has stained a million acres; no dirge is sung, no prayer is said, there is no kindly undertaker. They plant the soldier where he died, forever lost to those who love him; unwept, unwhimpered, staring-eyed, he lies the red sod heaped above him. No clergyman beside him stands, no coroner, with inquest holden, no friend to fold the tortured hands, or smooth the tangled ringlets golden. "These soldiers dead tell the tale of a war that has cost the nation millions of dollars and millions of lives; they're apt to breed some fell diseases. Not all the drugs upon our shelves can cope with winds so microbe-laden; since dead men cannot plant themselves, so we'll have to go and do some spading." They dig a grave of many yards, a trench where men are thrown like cattle, while bullets whine and shrapnel bursts, and man-destroying cannon rattles. They heap them in the shallow pit, the fallen heroes, stark and glory; oh, jingo bold, consider it—this is the stuff that men call glory!

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WALT MASON.

A Long Step Forward

WEDNESDAY evening last, the El Paso board of school trustees unanimously decided to set aside \$5000 for supervised playgrounds, on condition that the city council appropriate \$10,000 for a like purpose, the whole fund of \$15,000 to be used during the year under the direction of the school authorities in carrying out the comprehensive plan recently formulated by the citizens' playground committee of the chamber of commerce.

The action of the board was so very prompt, so progressive in spirit, so spontaneous, and so fair, that it is a pleasure to testify to the school board's enthusiastic acceptance and approval of a project evidently needing no explanation or argument with the board because every member had already passed through the stage of convert into the ranks of ardent advocates of adequate play facilities, even before the citizens' committee plan was presented.

The meetings of the citizens' committee have developed much information about local play facilities already existing; and it has been shown that the city government and the school board, acting separately in some things, jointly in others, have taken many progressive steps during the past year toward developing El Paso's recreation plant. All this was taken duly into consideration in formulating the committee plan, which is really only an attempt to systemize and extend the work already begun. The one great lack in the past, and until now, has not been play space, or even play apparatus, but play supervision. It is this great and vital lack, especially, that the committee plan, approved by the school board officially, and by the mayor and other city authorities informally, has been undertaken.

The division of expense suggested by the school board is fair and just. It is also the part of wisdom to place the actual supervision of the playgrounds under the jurisdiction of the superintendent of schools and the school board, since supervised play is as much a part of well rounded education as is manual training or class room work. The principal playgrounds during the school term would be on school grounds, and the same organization could best be continued through the summer in connection with the other public playgrounds provided for.

An important detail of the committee plan is that the school playgrounds themselves shall be used, under proper supervision, throughout the year as playgrounds not only for public school children, but for all other children, for older boys and girls not attending school, and for adult men and women. Naturally the hours would not conflict, as the school children would use the grounds chiefly at times which could not be so utilized by the others for whom the playgrounds are properly to be instituted.

Similarly, the public playgrounds other than school grounds, in summer will be used by all, including school children. The schools contribute by far the larger part of the capital investment in ground, buildings, and equipment, and it is fair that the city government should bear the current expense in the proportion of \$2 to \$1 which the school fund would bear. It is safe to say that, considering all the play hours throughout the 12 months, the use of the grounds for school children exclusively would not be more than one-third of the total number of hours of supervised recreation under the committee plan.

Never before has El Paso had a finer demonstration of hearty, enthusiastic cooperation for public progress, than in this present playground movement. The special survey was undertaken by the chamber of commerce, both because its Budget fund afforded the only fund readily available for the purpose, and because it is strictly a public body, nonpolitical, nonsectarian, and commanding the co-operative effort of all elements in the community. The general committee of more than 30 members, both men and women, named by the president of the chamber of commerce, is thoroughly representative of all elements, official and unofficial, and it is composed of people who had already demonstrated in various ways their own personal and individual interest in developing the play facilities of the city.

Every meeting of the general committee and subcommittees was harmonious, every action unanimous. The committee that appeared before the school board was representative, nonpolitical, and without any other significance or weight than might attach by reason of its representing the general committee and the chamber of commerce. This committee found the school board eager to hear of the new plan and quick to accept its general features as fittingly supplementing and extending the activities already initiated. Similarly, the city authorities have promptly recognized the fact that the committee plan is wholly in harmony with plans of the city already in process of working out, and that it is not revolutionary or radical in any sense, but only designed to promote economy and efficiency by closer cooperation of all the forces making for progressive development.

The school board had little discussion of the plan for the reason that all the members were well informed upon its general features and needed no argument to convince them because they had already convinced themselves. So the school board promptly did 100 percent—as the citizens' committee expressed it on thanking the board for its courteous hearing and prompt action—100 percent of the utmost the committee had dared to hope the board would do. It is a refreshing and most promising sign of El Paso's splendid 20th century spirit when such a large movement, involving so large an apparent outlay and yet assuring so vast a permanent gain, can be advanced securely step by step without friction, controversy, or delay, toward the ultimate goal of complete success. It is to be earnestly hoped that the city government will take as broad and liberal a view of the matter as the school board did, and that the \$10,000 appropriation will be promised to supplement the \$5000 offered from the school funds, and thus make it possible to begin in the near future the working out of the comprehensive plan by which it is designed to offer adequate play facilities and social centers to all the inhabitants of this city, every day and evening 12 months in every year.

Jitney drivers have been known to dodge little children springing who seemed to run right under the wheels, and to stop up before crossing street car tracks, and to give vegetable wagons more than a hair's breadth room as they race past. There are many worse drivers in town than the average jitney man.

14 Years Ago Today

From The Herald This Date 1900.

Chester L. Hall has invented a dust and chunder tender for railroad cars.

C. D. Eddy went to Alamogordo this morning on a brief business trip.

R. P. Chappell and wife have returned from a trip to New Orleans.

G. A. Casarrete, of Las Cruces, is in the city on a short business trip.

W. H. H. Llewellyn, of Las Cruces, is a business visitor.

Mrs. Helen Kirby is visiting her son, Harper Kirby, for a few days.

Robert Patterson is confined to his room sick, but is reported as doing well.

A. W. Gifford left this morning for a visit to the Orion Mining Co., properties.

The directors of the chamber of commerce will meet tonight for the annual election.

J. F. Hixson and wife and two children are here from Fresno, Calif., visiting with friends.

The movement to have a fine live stock exhibit here during the Mid Winter carnival week is meeting with success.

Ralph A. McLean and A. B. Urmon have purchased the vacant block east of the city hall for \$12,000. They will put up a fine structure.

It is reported here from many sources that the new Phelps-Dodge Nacozari railroad is going to be extended to El Paso.

The home team defeated the Mesilla Park team 5 to 0 in a finely played football game at Mesilla Park, on Christmas afternoon.

Prof. W. C. Carrera, of Las Cruces, arrived here this morning with the collection of minerals that are to be exhibited at the chamber of commerce.

The following is the standing of the first three contestants in the voting for carnival queen: Miss Claire Kelly, 4005; Miss L. Trumbull, 2566; and Irma Schütz, 712.

Judge F. E. Hunter, A. P. Coles and A. Courchesne, of the manufacturing committee of the chamber of commerce, met yesterday to consider the proposition of establishing a broom factory here.

A bonus is wanted and it is not believed the matter will go through, though the committee will thoroughly investigate.

Two very large mountain sheep, killed near Van Horn, are on exhibition at Nations market.

Judge A. M. Leante has purchased a half interest in the Commercial hotel for \$12,000.

LITTLE INTERVIEWS

THE INEVITABLE.

When you think you're getting heavy and you folk the time has come for going into training in the old gymnasium.

And you struggle to reduce; You keep strict tab on everything you want to drink or eat. And try a course of diet that is martyrdom complete.

But what's the use?

And when you think you're growing thinner than you ought to be. Although you turn to starch food and cut out toast and tea.

Your clothes keep hanging loose; When winter has decided you shall grow a certain way.

You're lucky to be healthy and her rule you must obey—

So what's the use?

"SENTIMENT" is fast crystallizing among the Elks of the state in favor of the movement, started in El Paso, for the passage of a compulsory education law. "The movement started with the 'Big Brother' committee of El Paso lodge with the purpose of inducing the next legislature to pass a law compelling children of school age to attend school, and the aid of other Elks lodges in the state was enlisted. A big response is being met with and we feel certain that the law will be passed by the legislature in Texas when the time comes to press the matter. There are over 20,000 Elks in Texas and their influence should be felt. A great many people are under the impression that there exists in Texas a compulsory education law, but there is not."

"We have the prisoners at the county jail a good Christmas dinner," said Sheriff Peyton J. Edwards today.

"Following a custom that has prevailed for some time, we served a turkey dinner, with all the dishes that go with such a dinner. We have always fed the prisoners well and the Christmas dinner, like the Thanksgiving dinner, was elaborately prepared. There was a turkey, cranberry sauce and a few other reasonable dishes."

"The thing which has struck me most forcibly in connection with El Paso," said H. E. Adkins, of New York, "is the wonderful Christmas spirit shown by everybody whom I have seen here. In the eastern cities the size of El Paso, on Christmas day people meet friends or acquaintances to exchange greetings on the fly as a rule. Frequently they merely nod, or tip their hats, and pass on. But I noticed Friday that El Pasoans no matter how great a rush they appeared to be in, frequently stopped half a dozen times in one block to greet friends."

"I have seen many holiday seasons come and go. In many places," said "Uncle Jimmie" Graves, the superintendent of the reservoir, "I cannot recall one when the prosperity was as great as it is in El Paso and the south-west this year."

"All Christmas day I could not get the thought of the Christmas in Europe from my mind," said adjutant James Hunter of the 1st Cavalry. "This is the saddest Christmas day in Europe for hundreds of years. It seems such an unparaphable horrible thing to think of slaughter that is going on over there."

TRACY RICHARDSON JOINS PRINCESS PRATT'S TROOPS

Tracy Richardson, who was a machine gun operator in the Madero and Orozco revolutions, and who later served in the Huerta irregular forces, has left for France with the Princess Patricia's regiment, of Canada, according to news received by friends of Richardson living in El Paso.

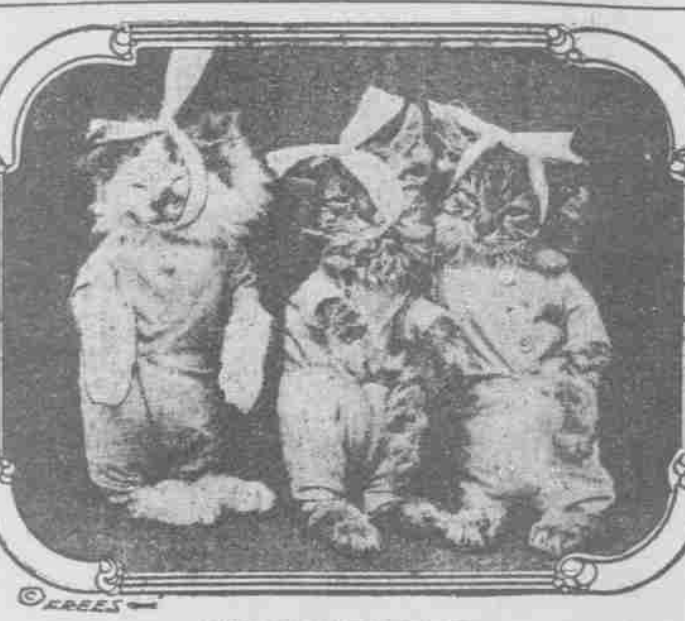
The regiment, which was outfitted by a Canadian millionaire, has been stationed in England for about a month.

U. S. COMMISSIONER FEELS "120 'HOBOS'" AT CHRISTMAS.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—Frank P. Walsh, chairman of the federal industrial relations commission, was today Friday night at dinner to 150 self styled "hobos" who had refused to stand in line for municipal or charitable aid.

As soon as Mr. Walsh heard of them, he ordered a caterer to serve them a meal in a downtown hall.

Trouble In the Tabby Family



BY FLORENCE E. YODER.

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WHENEVER there is a family with three boys in it there is liable to be trouble. Usually Tom and Teddy and Binkie get along very well together, but on some days it seemed impossible for them to agree or to play together without serious difficulty.

Mrs. Tabby had been watching for the day when they would all have a bad disposition at the same time, and she was prepared for it. There had been three days of rain, and the kittens were tired and nervous from spending all their play time in the house. Several little troubles had arisen, and with great care on the part of Mrs. Tabby they had been smoothed over, but it was only for the time being.

At last they began to annoy Mrs. Tabby by talking loudly. "It's my turn," she heard Tom say. "No, I tell you that it is mine," said Teddy firmly. Binkie, who usually was so sweet and good that she did not hear from him at all, spoke up next. "I don't know what you two are going to do," he cried aloud, "but it is my turn to draw on the blackboard, and I am going to take it."

Mrs. Tabby threw up her paws in dismay, wiped them hurriedly on a towel, for she was right at that moment making cookies for the naughty Tabbies, and ran into the room.

At first she could see nothing but legs and an occasional bunch of fur, but as she drew nearer she could make out the forms of the three kitty boys, hopelessly entangled in a fight on the floor.

She raised her paw and gave a spank every time someone came up on top, and as soon as the kitty boys knew who was there, they stopped and jumped to their feet.

They had a sight of ruin met their eyes! Teddy's coat was torn almost off, Tom had a big patch of fur gone from his paw, and poor Binkie had what was very soon going to turn into a black eye.

Mrs. Tabby looked at them and they looked at her; then they dropped their eyes and shuffled their feet on the floor.

Letters to The Herald.

[All communications must bear the signature of the writer, but the name will be withheld if requested.]

THE FIRST DIVIDEND.
Have you noticed that of the allies England is the only one to announce the annexation of territory?

It has grabbed Cyprus and today the announcement comes out that it claims Egypt in full.

E. J. Butler.

CITIZENRY.
Editor El Paso Herald:

In his recent message to congress president Wilson used the word "citizenry." I have before me a Webster's Unabridged Dictionary of 1905, which says that the people of these United States are expected to accept as cathedra? Lawrence Wharton Buckley.

(The Century Dictionary cites Charles Lamb ("Decay of Beggary") and Carlyle in illustration of "citizenry."—Editor.)

THAW'S COUNSEL TO PLAN STEPS FOR HIS FREEDOM

Manchester, N. H., Dec. 26.—Plans for a further fight to secure the liberty of Harry Thaw are expected to be made at a visit to Thaw which his counsel, Philander C. Knox, former secretary of state, and former governor William C. Stone of Pennsylvania are to make in a few days.

Thaw was gladdened on Christmas day by a visit from his mother, Mrs. Mary Copley Thaw, her daughter, Mrs. G. C. Whitney, former countess of Yarmouth, and Mr. Whitney.

The little party was met at the station by Thaw in a limousine. The presence of deputy sheriff Stevens, one of the fugitive's constant attendants, had no perceptible effect on the merry exchange of family greetings. The officer helped stow away many Christmas packages in the automobile and accompanied the party to Thaw's residence, where the family at once went into seclusion. Mrs. Thaw expects to remain with her son the next few days.

ESCAPES IN FIRE; FALLS TO DEATH SLEEP WALKING

Boston, Mass., Dec. 26.—After narrowly escaping death Thursday night in fighting a fire, Thomas W. Dwyer, a fireman, was killed six hours later by falling through the sliding pole hole in his engine house while walking in his sleep. He was one of 26 slightly hurt when a floor fell during a fire on Pearl street earlier Thursday night.

KILLS NEIGHBOR, SETS FIRE TO OWN HOME; SUICIDES

Clayton, N. M., Dec. 26.—Roy Brown, living 10 miles from here, called Jack Wilson, married, out of his cabin, Christmas eve and shot and killed him, according to the police. Brown returned to his own cabin, Brown, the door, set the place on fire and shot himself through the heart.

COTTON FOR GERMANY.

Galveston, Tex., Dec. 26.—The first cargo of cotton for Germany from the port of Galveston since the European war began, departed Christmas day for Bremen on the American steamship Pathfinder. The cargo of 6550 bales is valued at \$455,000.

Students of the El Paso Schools

KINDERGARTEN children have had a lot of interesting work during the first term of school. The Lamar school pupils have made blue prints of the various leaves and bound them in book form, learning to recognize the various trees by their leaves in this way.

They have also made a variety of Christmas toys for themselves and their friends. The kindergarten children have even had a happy time of it, dancing folk dances, playing games, singing and doing useful things as well.

The kindergarten at Lamar school is taught by Miss Anna Washburn and Miss Emma Hoffman. The pupils are:

Oscar Allen Jr.	Mary Guinn	Hazel Parker
Mary Ansley	Wilma Hamilton	Lillian Pierce
Elsie Burr	Emilio Haffner	Mildred Pierce
James Madison Baker	Virgil Harman	Paul Rogers
Frank Evers Baylis	Claribel Harper	David Sanders
William Burns	Edith Hendricks	Hattie Louise Stapleton
Mary Frances Crawford	Vesta Johnson	Sarah Stein
George Dubinski	Anna Mary Johnson	Dulcie Turley
Katherine Daniels	Eloise Kane	William Towns
Annie Lou Ebert	Doyle Kane	E. H. Whitaker
Helen Edson	Vanola Lane	Chester Woopler
Lena May Fields	William Lawler	Edith Ann Walthall
Eli Fletcher	Bowman Livingston	Virginia West
Joseph Frederick	Minnie Luthy	Velma Williams
Elizabeth Finley	Jack Mathews	Katherine Winters
Winifred Fitzgerald	Billie Miller	James Zurek
Bessie Gardiner	Roger Moore	
John Grant Jr.	Gordon Morris	

The names of the high eighth grade of the San Jacinto school will appear Monday.

The Daily Novelette

ROGER'S RESCUE.

What's the lack of money When love's there in full swing? They didn't have to buy fine clothes. And never at a thing.

(Synopsis of preceding chapters: While taking her Chinese biplane out for an airing, Isabelle Cowdley, a beautiful and accomplished heiress and aviator, is attacked by a flock of eagles, who mistake the aeroplane for a dindebird. Roger Sandstone, in the nick of time, swoops down and along in his Norwegian monoplane and puts the eagles to rout. After that, the pair meet often while in the air, but as Roger is only chauffeur, Isabelle does not dare invite him to her home. One day, while the Cowdleys are at dinner, on their roof garden, Roger, circling above out of pure lovelessness, loses control of his machine and crashes through the skylight. While he is recovering from the shock, Isabelle takes advantage of the opportunity to inform Mr. Cowdley that he loves his daughter and intends to marry her. Old man Cowdley, learning that he is only a poor though honest chauffeur, vows that Isabelle shall never receive a cent of his money as a marriage portion.

The marriage takes place, nevertheless, however, anyway, and the old man, just to show his sporting blood, causes all the old shoes in the house, numbering 458, to be thrown after the bride as groom. Roger hastily collects them and puts them in the carriage.)

"At last, my dear," he exulted while they were whirling away. "A great load is lifted off my mind. We'll open a second hand shoe store."

Which they did, and lived happily most of the time ever after.

Children To Be Weighed Weekly to See if They Are Getting Enough to Eat

New York, Dec. 26.—All sorts of schemes have been devised to detect underfeeding in the school children of New York. The latest, and perhaps the most practical of them has just been put in operation in the "Little Vienna" section of the city, where the pupils are being weighed on the city's scales. It has been explained by teachers that the mere asking of a child if he or she is hungry is not satisfactory, as many healthy children are firmly convinced that they do not get enough to eat. Another difficulty encountered is that often when a pupil is asked, "Did you have any breakfast?" he will shake his head, because breakfast chanced not to be the name of the morning meal at his home where "coffee" or some foreign word is used to designate the early meal.

Under the new system of weighing each child it is hoped that the problem of learning if the children attending school are being properly fed will be solved. If weekly weighings show a child to be gaining weight it will be evident that the child is not being starved or poorly fed; on the other hand if the child does not gain or lose weight it will be taken as an indication that something is wrong.

Merely a Monumental Trifle.

Doubtless, as the British war office says, a German raid on the English coast is of no military significance, but there is an old saying that you might as well kill a man as to scare him to death.

Top Fulsome.

"The Wilson Tangle—one step forward, two steps back, a beautiful reversal," Philadelphia Ledger. Isn't that too many steps forward and not enough backward?

Good Business.

On the strength of her football team Harvard has raised her tuition \$2 1-3 percent. We foresee a time when the opposition to football will cease altogether.

Didn't Want to Start Anything.

The German navy's splendid strategy in attacking the English and not the Irish coast.

The Only Obstacle.

The suggestion that all the New York gunmen be sent to the war sounds like a splendid one till you stop and wonder how they can be caught.

He's Always With Us.

The man who rocked the boat last summer is now jumping on this one to frighten the girls who are skating on it.

Safety First the Watchword.

Another awful fistic encounter in the house of representatives was narrowly averted the other day, as the congressmen asked another to step out into the lobby, but the other, with rare presence of mind, refused.

Beastly Conduct.

The British are incensed because we do not protest against the German raid on their coast. They are accustomed to having the Scotch and Irish fight for them that they cannot understand our attitude at all.

Foreigners Make Rush To Become Citizens in New York to Get Jobs

New York, Dec. 26.—All records have been broken during the past 30 days at the naturalization bureau of the New York county clerk's office, when 4143 men applied for papers admitting to citizenship. This is the largest number of applicants ever recorded in any one month in this county. The rush for citizenship is attributed to the steps taken to enforce the law providing that only citizens of the United States shall be employed on public work, thus barring aliens from employment on the new subway construction.

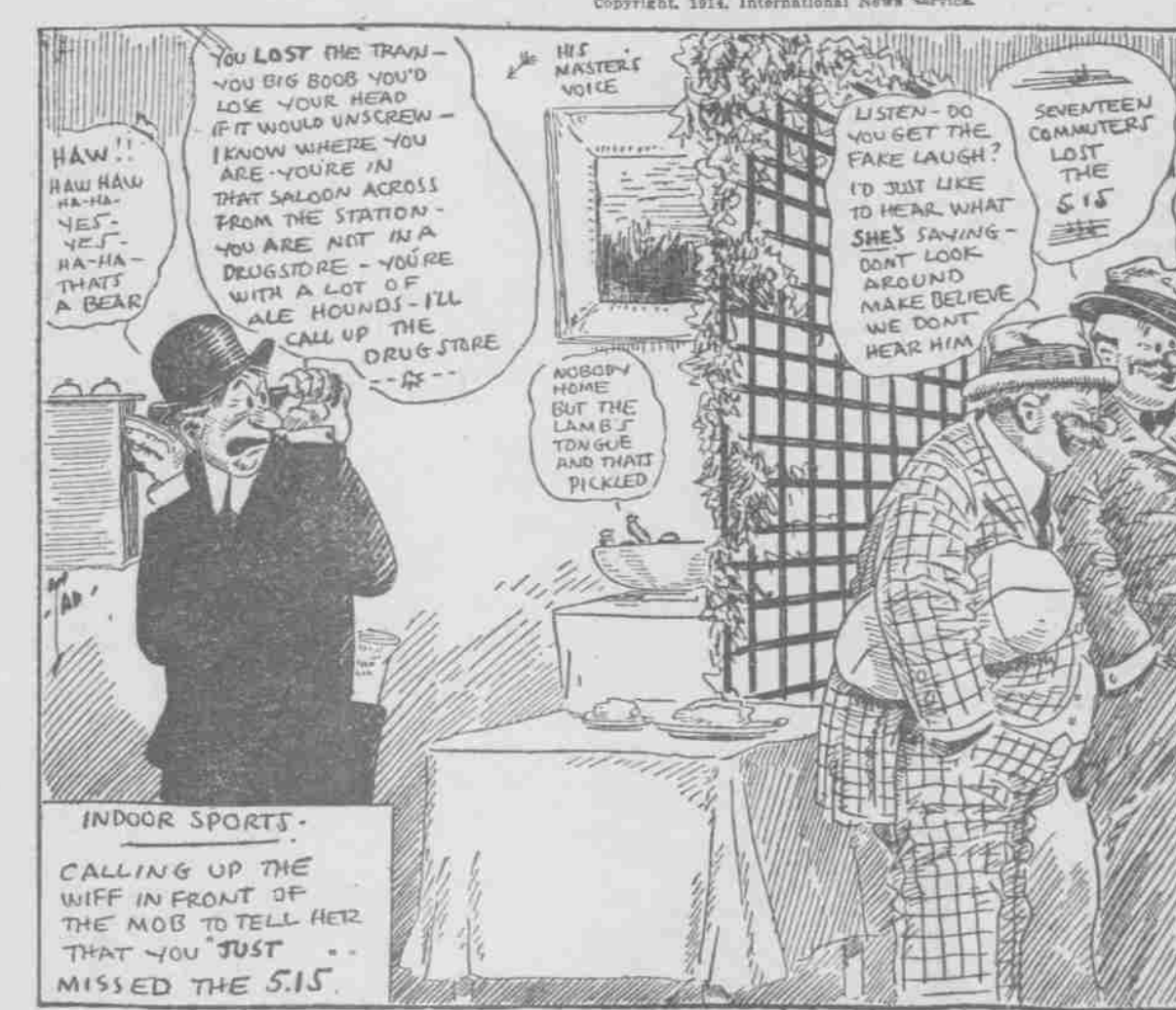
Hundreds of Italian laborers and the more advanced workers, such as Finns, who are mainly timbermen, took out first papers because they thought they could resume work.

The nationalities of the applicants were as follows: Russia, 1,044; Italy, 1,419; Austria, 39; Germany, 39; Belgium, 6; Great Britain and Ireland, 35; Rumania, 65; France, 12; Turkey, 37; Sweden, 4; Switzerland, 12; Norway, 29; Denmark, 11; Egypt, 2; Greece, 32; Spain, 4; Luxembourg, Persia, Serbia, Portugal, Haiti, Argentine Republic and Mexico, 1 each.

Seven hundred head of Mexican cattle were entered at the port of El Paso Saturday. They are from the states of Chihuahua, Coahuila and Durango.

INDOOR SPORTS

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CALLING UP THE WIFE IN FRONT OF THE MOB TO TELL HER THAT YOU JUST MISSED THE S.I.S.